

## Yuma Indians Are Good Road Builders

(From Monday's Examiner)

That the Yuma Indians have caught the road building habit from the white settlers can be demonstrated to any one who will take the trouble to visit the road building operations across the river at Fort Yuma.

Yesterday afternoon the Examiner, in company with Miss Anna C. Egan, superintendent of the Fort Yuma Indian school, Agency Clerk Carter, and Judge Willis, of the Sun, went over the road.

At the outset it was learned there were 72 teams working, the property of the Yuma Indians, and 140 Indians driving teams, shoveling and cutting and laying brush for a foundation for the roadway, and the Examiner found them all busy at work as the party drove over the road.

It may be stated here that Miss Egan's Indians have some capital ideas about road building and some that are worthy of emulation by the white ranchers.

Without the aid of graders or scrapers these Indians have demonstrated that they can build level and splendidly graded roads.

About a mile of fine road has now been built from the Colorado Ferry across the reservation and skirting the Fort Yuma hill.

The top coating of the road is of blue dirt, or decomposed granite similar to that used on Main street in Yuma.

It is safe to say that when the Indians have finished their roadway, it will be much to their credit as one of the best stretches of road in the southwest.

Although the Indians are giving their time and labor for a public highway without pay, Miss Egan has donated liberally of provisions and beef and E. F. Sanguinetti, of Yuma, gave two tons of hay and Billy Horan gave 12 bales of hay yesterday to feed the Indian horses.

After viewing the road work Miss Egan took the party out of the reservation and about half way to Bard or about four miles from Yuma and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The amount of farming now being done there and the green, refreshing appearance of the country traveled over was a revelation to the Examiner man. Of the ranches passed and more than passingly worthy of mention are those of A. M. Wilson, W. G. Gordan's I. N. Snyder, R. W. Graham, F. M. Livermore and the Haughtelin place.

Great credit is due the reclamation service for the splendid ditches well filled with water from Laguna dam, and the well constructed, modern, cement bridges and laterals.

The total absence of wooden head gates was a treat for the eyes to behold and every bit of the work suggests permanence.

There are several roads and thanks to the efficient driving of Mr. Carter, the party was driven over the best, and there was very little dust, although as the party traveled, clouds of dust following travelers on distant roads indicated that such a thing as dust was not unknown in the San Pascual valley. Beautiful green fields here and there bore evidence of the industrious character of the ranchers and the way, many of these have been less than a year on their places, and none of them much over a year and the growth of trees surrounding these cleared places, suggested Missouri rather than the great southwest.

The party on the return trip were greeted by a number of Bard ranchers on their way home from Yuma, and among these were Mrs. Haughtelin and son, and the Graham brothers.

As the party drew near to Yuma the new court house and other buildings presented quite a metropolitan appearance and to a total stranger would have suggested a city of ten thousand people on the Arizona side, and indeed everyone now believes a city of that size will spring up in a few years after the completion of the siphon.

At 5:30 the party pulled up at the foot of the Southern Pacific bridge and the Examiner thanked Miss Egan and Mr. Carter for the many courtesies extended and hurried across the bridge to Yuma much impressed with the trip, and especially with the new road.

## Tetslaff and Nickrent are Sore Over Condition of Roads and Lack of Signs

(From Monday's Examiner)

Teddy Tetslaff, driver of the Fiat racer in the next race from Los Angeles to Phoenix; Fred Fuller, Apperson agent at El Centro; Louis Nickrent, Buick driver in the race; Fred Nickrent, Buick machinist; Felix Maguire, Fiat machinist, and C. Gilmore, Jr., foreman of the Buick shops in Los Angeles, all drove into Phoenix Saturday night about midnight, Messrs. Tetslaff and Nickrent having come out from Los Angeles to mark the road from San Diego to Yuma, and expecting to meet Bill Tremaine, of Phoenix in this city and go over the route from here to Phoenix with him, marking the road.

When interviewed last night by the Examiner both Mr. Tetslaff and Mr. Nickrent were some sore, and that is putting it mildly at that.

In the first place it will be remembered that during Mr. Tetslaff's last visit to Phoenix, some weeks ago that Bill Tremaine went to George Purdy Bullard of his own accord, and told Mr. Bullard that if the Maricopa Automobile club would furnish the signs, that he (Tremaine) would sign board the road from Phoenix to Yuma.

Mr. Bullard told him the signs would be placed at his disposal, and Tremaine then took the matter up with Tetslaff telling Mr. Tetslaff that he would meet him in Yuma about the 15th or 16th and that together they would go over the road and place the signs.

So Mr. Tetslaff picked up Mr. Nickrent who will also drive in the big race, and together they loaded the signs into the auto and started to Yuma. Saturday afternoon the Examiner received a wire from Mr. Tetslaff saying that he would be here before Sunday noon and about the same time Dr. Ketcherside, president of the Yuma County Automobile Club received a message from Mr. Tremaine to Mr. Tetslaff. Last night Mr. Tetslaff exhibited this telegram to the Examiner and it seems that Mr. Tremaine had gone off to Tucson, forgetting or not caring anything about the marking of the road and in the telegram to Mr. Tetslaff he wanted to know if he (Tetslaff) needed him and if so he (Tremaine) could leave Phoenix Monday morning.

This wire made Tetslaff mad clear through after Tremaine had made a distinct promise to meet him here on the 15th or 16th, and he and Nickrent decided last night to take the back trail at an early hour this morning, and to leave all future explorations of the route to their competitors in the race, as they felt that they had done enough.

Last night to the Examiner man they unburdened themselves about as follows:

That George Purdy Bullard had gone over the route from here to El Centro on an official path-finding trip and that having gone over the what was supposed to be the official route, had not left a sign or board to mark the way.

That no one in the Imperial valley seemed to be interested in the race in any way, and that aside from what the Los Angeles firms were doing and the drivers themselves, that nothing was being done over there to mark the road or fix the road.

That it was almost impossible to get a car over the railroad tracks at Andrade, and that nothing was being done to remedy this evil.

That Tremaine and Bullard had promised to mark the road from Yuma to Caliente and on to Phoenix, but that so far nothing had been done with this.

That unless the roads were fixed and properly marked that they intended to get the drivers together and REFUSE to drive in the race.

The Examiner explained to them that the Yuma county board of supervisors now had Felix Mayhew out with a wagon and some signs, and that the county expected to spend some money in fixing up the bad places between Yuma and the Yuma county line toward Phoenix.

The reporter also explained to them that the board of control through Governor Sloan, had promised to do some

work on the road from here to Phoenix.

Tetslaff stated that he had no kick coming on the Yuma people and distinctly wanted them to understand it, as they were putting up their end of the purse and doing everything in their power to further the better road movement.

"But," he said, Bullard is the man who is the father of the race, and Bullard is the man who should properly blaze the trail clear through and sign board it in such a way that all may follow one course.

"Why," he continued, "we spent half a day yesterday following blind trails between El Centro and Yuma, just to see if we could find a short cut or a better road than the one we came over, but we could not, and I want to say that a man will have to take the tracks at Andrade unless something is done to make a road around or over the tracks there and across the line."

"And not only that, but the route should be officially blazed and sign boarded all the way through. Otherwise somebody may know of a short cut here and there, and thus the race will not be fair. As for Nickrent and myself, we have come over the route for the last time unless conditions are bettered."

The party left this morning for El Centro and the return trip, and it certainly seems to the Examiner as it did to Messrs. Tetslaff and Nickrent, that the whole road should be officially gone over and sign boarded, and a plain road marked that nobody could miss.

Otherwise it looks as though several of the best drivers will be missing when the race starts. Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing right.

## Wenden to Have Cottage Sanitarium

Wenden, situated on the A. & C. railroad in Northern Yuma county, is to have a sanitarium. The proposed site just south of the town was located last spring by Miss Ida Denny, a trained nurse from St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, Minn., and building operations under direction of a Phoenix contractor are expected to begin the latter part of September.

The altitude of Wenden is 2,000 feet, gives it a climate that is ideal.

## Nimble Coin Glides Away From Arizona

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16—The comptroller of the treasury has decided the unexpected balance of funds left over from the election of the constitutional conventions and elections in Arizona and New Mexico, cannot be used in the coming elections, and that this money must be returned to the U. S. treasury.

The Arizona and New Mexico state elections must be paid for by those two commonwealths.

## Committee Will Meet

Tombstone, Sept. 16—County Chairman A. H. Gardiner, of the Republican county central committee, has issued a call to the committee to meet in Douglas at the Gedsden hotel, Friday night, September 22, at which meeting all announced candidates and prospective candidates are expected to attend for a conference as well as all interested Republicans of the county.

## No Strike

San Francisco, Sept. 16—The report that Harriman officials expected to be served with an ultimatum to day by the Federation of shop employees, is denied by F. G. Athearn, head of the bureau of economics of the Southern Pacific, who said he had been misquoted. No further developments are expected here, as the case is in the hands of officials of the international union.

## Yuma Young Lady Burned to Death

(From Monday's Examiner)

A terrible accident occurred in Yuma yesterday, which to-day resulted in the death of Miss Marie Navarre, who died about noon.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Navarre, who she adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Graham, was putting some paper in a stove, when her dress accidentally became ignited and, as no one was near at the time the young lady ran screaming from the house, her clothing ablaze.

Jim Norton was the first one to her assistance and in endeavoring to tear the burning clothing from the young lady his hands were severely burned. But he had arrived too late, and it was not until the last of the charred clothing was plucked from her body that the fire was out and in the meantime the young lady was fearfully burned.

Screaming with pain she was borne into the house, and Dr. Ap Job.: summoned. He did everything that professional skill could do to save her, but to no avail.

Her sufferings were only ended when death brought relief to-day.

The deceased was about 14 years of age, and while the Graham family was away this summer she lived with the Folhamus family and spent a month with them at Long Beach. She was a sweet, lovable young lady, with a bright promise of happy young womanhood, and her unfortunate and untimely demise has cast a gloom over the whole community.

Interment will be from the Catholic church at 7:00 a. m., Tuesday, September, 19th. Mass will be celebrated over the remains and friends of the family are invited. No formal invitations will be issued.

## Alberta Claire Coming to Yuma

(From Monday's Daily Examiner)

Miss Alberta Claire, is going from Buffalo, Wyo., to Buffalo, N. Y. This does not seem especially remarkable. She is not taking any short cuts, but is coming by way of Los Angeles and Yuma, which it will be considered by all students of geography, is off the beaten track between the two Buffalos. Yet even this is not remarkable. But she is doing all this on horseback accompanied only by a dog. She is braving the mountains and the desert the long nights without shelter, the long days without food, save such as she can carry with her: the fires of the forests, the floods of the gulches and arroyos, and this is remarkable. To do this is a difficult feat, and one full of danger. Already Miss Claire has been lost on blind and half forgotten trails. She has had to sleep in the open, her horse picketed near by and her faithful dog on watch.

Although Miss Claire is enjoying her trip, she is not doing this for fun. She was born in Wyoming and is devoted to her native state. She thought that to ride around the U. S. A. as "The Girl from Wyoming" would be an advertisement tending to keep her beloved commonwealth on the map.

Capitalists of Wyoming offered her \$1,000 and a \$3,100 ranch if she would make the trip.

She is making it and this morning the Examiner received the following letter:

Santa Ana, Cal., Sept. 16. Editor Yuma Examiner, Yuma.

I am sending you a picture postcard of myself. I expect to leave San Bernardino about the 21st of this month and see how quickly I can make the ride to Yuma. I guess you read of my ride last week, from Bakersfield to Los Angeles, 171 miles in 24 hours.

I intend to make a two day's stop in Yuma as I have met so many Arizona people, and judging by them I feel that your new state is like my own old Wyoming full of the true western spirit which is seldom found nowadays. I am coming to Arizona prepared to feel at home and like you all, so I hope you will like me.

Your state and Texas will be the last of the real west I may hope to see for some time.

With best regards,  
Alberta Claire,  
The Girl from Wyoming.

## Yuma Project Bids To Be Opened Here October 12

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16—Proposals for the construction of nine miles of canal for the Yuma Irrigation project in Arizona are being asked for by the secretary of the interior. Bids will be opened in Yuma, October 12. The canal will be on the California side of the Colorado river.

## Work to Commence On the Phoenix Federal Buildings

Phoenix, September 17—About October 1 will witness actual work begun on the construction of the new federal building in Phoenix. Within the next day or two Contractor Wm. H. Maxwell will arrive in this city from San Diego, and it is expected that he will at once begin arrangements for the laying of the foundations and the cement floors of the basement.

It had been intended by Mr. Maxwell to begin the work of construction on September 1, but there were several changes made in the foundation plans, necessitating an entire change of details in the floor supports.

## Goods Government League Holds Meeting

(Tuesday's Daily Examiner)

Saturday night the Good Government League of the valley was called to order at Crane School House by Chairman W. W. Woodman.

It was discovered after some debate that the Somerton people, owing to a misunderstanding, had gone ahead and endorsed J. Corey as a candidate for supervisor.

So the meeting by unanimous ballot elected the following committee of seven to confer with the Somerton people: Bert Nunnaley, Jim Meadows A. F. White, R. A. McPherson, E. G. Caruthers, J. H. Worthington, J. W. Clymer.

Chairman Woodman offered his resignation, but it was not accepted, and instead he was tendered a vote of thanks.

G. F. Caylor resigned as secretary and C. H. Sturges was elected in his stead.

There will be another meeting on next Saturday night at the Crane school house.

## Returns Much Better

(From Tuesday's Examiner)

Dr. E. B. Ketcherside and wife and their son, Allison and granddaughter, Miss Alta Van Deren, returned Saturday from Chicago, where Allison has been under the care of an eminent surgeon. An operation was performed on an injured arm which was very successful and which will give him the use of his wrist and fingers.

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